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SRI B. BHIMA RAO :—" Have not the Government considered it expedient to increase it still further—doubling it? "

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" There was a proposal to provincialize rural dispensaries with a view to improving the efficiency of these institutions. If that question is taken up again, the enhancement of the subsidies also will be considered. But that is a matter of finance."

SRI R. SURYANARAYANA RAO :—" In the list placed on the table of the House, information is given up to 31st December 1945. Cannot the Government give information up to December 1946? Or is it a mistake in typing? "

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" I shall enquire into the matter."

SRI R. SURYANARAYANA RAO :—" May I know, Sir, whether the Government are satisfied that the local bodies are providing the rural dispensaries with the necessary medicines? "

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" The amount allotted for medicines also has been enhanced from Rs. 360 to Rs. 720, and in addition contingencies worth Rs. 140 are also given. Over and above this, for special reasons local bodies can give additional subsidy. If the dispensary is remote from the population centre or in an unhealthy locality, the local bodies are permitted to give additional subsidy."

[*Note.*—An asterisk (*) at the commencement of a speech indicates revision by the Member.]

II.—AMENDMENTS TO RULE 111 OF THE MADRAS COUNCIL RULES.

THE HON. SRI K. MADHAVA MENON :—" Sir, I present the report of the Select Committee on the amendments to Rule 111 of the Madras Council Rules and move that the amendments be taken into consideration. Sir, the Select Committee has approved the amendments without any alteration, and as the Chairman has incidentally observed, the Joint Committee on the Rules of Procedure appointed in 1937 also made a similar recommendation, I request the rules may be taken into consideration." 11-15 a.m.

MR. PRESIDENT :—" The question is in Rule 111 of the Madras Council Rules, the following amendments be made :—

' (a) *For the last two lines of sub-rule* (1), *after the word " Bill ", the following shall be substituted :—*

" and such a motion shall state the total number of members of both Houses to be appointed to the Committee".

(b) *At the end of sub-rule* (2), *the following shall be added :—*

" to the appointment of a Joint Committee and its proposed total strength and requesting it to nominate the members required under sub-rule (4) *".*

(c) *for the proviso to sub-rule* (3), *the following shall be substituted :—*

" Provided that the member in charge of the Bill, and the Member of Government in charge of the department to

which the Bill relates, shall be nominated as members of the Joint Committee by the House or Houses of which they are members."

(*d*) *For sub-rule* (4), *the following shall be substituted* :—

" (4) *The total number of members of a Joint Committee shall not exceed* 30 *and on every Joint Committee, the number of members to be nominated by the Assembly and the Council shall be in the proportion of* 2 : 1." "

The motion was put and carried.

THE HON. SRI K. MĀDHAVA MENON :—" Sir. I move—

" *that the amendments be passed.*"

The motion was put and carried and the amendments adopted.

The rule as amended was put and carried.

GOVERNMENT BILLS.

(1) THE MADRAS SHOPS AND ESTABLISHMENTS BILL, 1947 (L.A. BILL NO. 15 OF 1947)—*cont.*

MR. PRESIDENT :—" The House will now take up consideration of the Madras Shops and Establishments Bill, 1947, clause by clause."

Clause 2.

SRI B. NARAYANASWAMI NAYUDU :—" Sir, when the Bill was introduced we would have liked the Hon. Minister to give more information on the Bill. Now, Sir, with regard to the leave affair I would like to know whether the clerical staff in the factories are entitled to the 36 days' leave that a shop assistant is eligible under the Bill. Sir, if you refer to section 25, you will see, it says : ' (1) Every person employed in any establishment shall be entitled, etc.' And, Sir, the term ' establishment ' is defined in section 2 (6) as ' establishment ' means a shop, commercial establishment, restaurant, eating-house, residential hotel, theatre or any place of public amusement or entertainment and includes such establishment as the Provincial Government may by notification declare to be an establishment for the purpose of this Act.' That shows, Sir, that the clerical staff in factories is not eligible for the 36 days' leave. Now, Sir, the persons employed in the factories are governed by the Indian Factories Act. Now when this measure becomes an enactment, has the Government considered what will be its repercussions on labour in other provinces with regard to leave. I want to know whether the Hon. Minister or the Select Committee has considered this point."

MR. PRESIDENT :—" The word ' factory ' is also defined here."

SRI B. NARAYANASWAMI NAYUDU :—" Yes, Sir, but the point I raise is whether the clerical staff employed in factories are eligible for the leave contemplated in section 25. Of course they do not get that under the Factories Act."